most of the sections on the quadrilateral connecting the four metros are over-saturated and any incident has a cascading effect on the running of series of following trains. A concerted drive has been launched to monitor and improve punctuality. Three-tier round the clock monitoring system at Railway Board level, at Zonal Headquarters level and at divisional Headquarters level has been introduced for monitoring the actual running of trains. All avoidable detentions to trains are investigated and railwaymen responsible for such detentions are taken up.

Incidents of Stone Throwing in Mumbai

1819. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of stone throwing and other hooliganism occurred/recorded in Mumbai suburban Railway during the last two years;

(b) the details of casualities due to stone throwing; and

(c) the details of compensation paid to victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) According to Entry No. 2 of the State List of the Constitution of India, 'Police' (including Railway and village police), is a State subject. Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains is, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Police. A separate wing of State Police called the Government Railway Police (GRP) deals with all matters relating to law and order on the Railways. However, the details of incidents of stone throwing for the last three financial years received from the GRP/Maharashtra State are as under:

Year	No. of Cases Registered	No. of Persons Injured
1997-98	28	25
1998-99	104	102
1999-2000 (Upto Nov.)	55	53

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(c) During the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, compensation paid to the victims of stone throwing and other hooliganism is as under:

Year	Amount of Compensation
1997-98	Nil
1998-99	Rs. 7,20,000/-
1999-2000 (upto Nov.)	Nil

Modern Safety System in Trains

1820. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have a plan to introduce a modern safety system on trains;

(b) if so, what is the total cost for introduction of this system in the entire Railway network; and

(c) how long it would take to make it functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Safety in trains operations is an ongoing and continuous process. The provision of safety systems and equipment are provided progressively depending upon the availability of funds.

The Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired Judge of Supreme Court, in Part-I of their report has recommended provision of technical aids costing Rs. 2727 crores and renewal of assets costing Rs. 15000 crores. Besides other recommendations for which no financial repercussions have been given.

It has also been suggested by the Committee that Central Government should provide a one time grant to the Railways so that arrears in the renewal of vital safety equipment are wiped out within a fixed time frame.

Since the provision of safety equipment/system will depend upon the availability of funds, it has not been possibile to fix any time limit.